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Sir:

Please advise, in writing, of the status of the above-identified application for patent in that no initial Official Action has been received by our office.

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